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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR USCG PORT REGULATIONS

REF: JIDDA 0715

1. AN INTERAGENCY MEETING WAS HELD TO DETERMINE BEST RESPONSE TO REFTEL. MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY MR. ARMOUR ARMSTRONG, PORTS ADMINISTRATION EXPERT FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEM.

2. THE CONSENSUS IS THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE U.S. CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR) COVERING U.S. COAST GUARD AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS OR COMMERCIAL PORT REGULATIONS WILL BE OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE IN THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN JIDDA PORT ADMINISTRATION AND SAUDI COAST GUARD TO DELINEATE RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES SINCE OUR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND PORT AUTHORITY RESPONSIBILITIES ARE NOT DIRECTLY ALIGNED WITH SAUDI AGENCIES AND COMMERCIAL PRACTICES.

3. NUMEROUS VOLUMES CONTAINING CFR TITLES 19, 33, 46, AND 49 PROVIDE FEDERAL AGENCY REGULATIONS WHICH WE ASSUME ARE AVAILABLE IN EMBASSY. WILL AIR-POUCH U.S. COAST GUARD PAMPHLETS WHICH REPRINT PERTINENT EXTRACTS FROM TITLE 33

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CFR RELATING TO PORT SAFETY, ALSO SOME EXTRACTS OF

COMMERCIAL PORT REGULATIONS.

4. ALTHOUGH EXISTING REGULATIONS MAY BE USED AS A GUIDELINE FOR REALIGNMENT OF EXISTING SAUDI ORGANIZATION, NUMEROUS OVERLAPS AND APPARENT CONTRADICTIONS WILL BE FOUND UPON CLOSE ANALYSIS OF THESE REGULATIONS.

5. A MORE PRACTICAL APPROACH TO ADAPTING EXISTING REGULATIONS OF U.S. OR OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS TO EXISTING SAUDI PROCEDURES MAY BE TO HAVE PORT ADMINISTRATION, CUSTOMS AND COAST GUARD JOINTLY COMPILE PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND SEEK TO RESOLVE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES ALONG SOUND MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL LINES. THE IMPORTANT FACTOR IS THE CLEAR DELINEATION OF AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES.

6. DOCUMENTS BEING AIR-POUCHED. MR. JACK CAMPBELL FORMER AID/OPS COAST GUARD ADVISOR REPORTS FULL SET OF CFR PARTS 1-100 LEFT WITH CAPTAIN JAMIL, COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS RIYADH. INGERSOLL

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